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In re the Application of:

Charles B. DIETERICH

Appl. Serial No. 09/588,276

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

This Response is submitted in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (Voluntary revised Practice) mailed April 17, 2003 in the above-captioned Application for which the one-month statutory period for response expires May 17, 2003.

The Notice was issued in error. The Amendment filed March 24, 2003 (certificate of mailing date, stamped received by OIPE on March 28, 2003) is NOT filed under the Voluntary Revised Practice, but is filed under the current practice under 37 C.F.R. §1.121 and so need not comply with the Voluntary Revised Practice guidelines.

Entry of the Amendment is therefore proper, and such action is solicited.

No fee is due regarding this response. However, should any fee be due in consequence of this response, please charge such fee and deposit any refund to Deposit Account 04-1406 of Dann, Dorfman, Herrell & Skillman.

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PATENT APPLICATION  
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Applicant respectfully requests that the Amendment filed March 24, 2003, be entered and that the Application including claims 1-29 be allowed and passed to issuance.

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney if there is any question or if prosecution of this Application could be furthered by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,  
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